

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Can any instance be quoted as a precedent?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (Advocate-General): There is no instance where other Governments are interested in any concern in the State, excepting the Harbour, and therefore there cannot be any precedent from the very nature of things.

AMOUNT OF INCOME-TAX REALISED FROM RESIDENTS OF WILLINGDON ISLAND

85. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount of income-tax derived from the residents of the Willingdon Island?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government):

(a) About Rs. 15,000 a year on the average.

LICENSED HOTELS AND EATING HOUSES IN WILLINGDON ISLAND

86. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

the number of other hotels or eating houses in the Willingdon Island licensed by the Director of Public Health and the amount of fees collected from such hotels and eating houses, if any, if not so collected, the reasons therefor?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government):

Government have not licensed any hotel or restaurant on Willingdon Island pending settlement of the general question of licensing the D & O trades on the Island (Vide answer to question No. 84).

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): May I know whether in this case also objections are raised and then the general question is taken into consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): It is also the question as to how these trades should be controlled. We are dealing with an international major port and we cannot handle the question as if it is like a village like Chowwera or Vellarappilly. We have to give due consideration to the area concerned and it is not only the Cochin Government or the Madras Government or the Government of India that are interested in the proper administration of dangerous and offensive trades regulation in an area like this. We are dealing with an international port and naturally a very high standard has to be maintained. Therefore this question is not to be dealt with as if we are dealing with an ordinary village or town in the State. That is why there is so much correspondence. The State Government are doing all that is necessary to safeguard their interests and the House may rest assured that our interests will not suffer.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): May I know whether these hotels and eating houses are not ordinary local hotels?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): That is the reason why we have to strictly control the provisions. Infections are likely to start from the simplest and the poorest of places.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Therefore is it not incumbent on the Government to see that some control of eating houses is exercised.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Adequate arrangements have been made. The only question remaining is the final settlement of the question.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Is it the Government's reply that these eating houses, these local eating houses, for the coolies and others are not at all licensed and there is no control over them now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): The Hon'ble Member is in the wrong if that is his presumption.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): I am asking the question whether these small eating houses now on the Island are working without the control of any authority.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): They are working under control.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Under whose control, please?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Under the control of the Port authorities.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND COCHIN HARBOUR—COCHINITES EMPLOYED IN

87. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Cochinites now on the staff in the Administrative office and in all other works of the Harbour drawing Rs. 50 per mensem as salary, pay or allowances;

(b) the number of Travancoreans now so employed and the number of British Indians now so employed;

(c) the number of Cochinites employed in the various vessels, tugs, hopper-barges, etc., employed in the Harbour; the number of Travancoreans so employed and the number of British Indians so employed;